

~~28.~~ (Amended) A magnetic circuit comprising a magnetic toroid guiding a magnetic field along a circular direction wherein said toroid is interrupted by a plurality of radial gaps.

29. (Amended) A magnetic head comprising a bent magnetic circuit forming an air gap, said bent magnetic circuit guiding a magnetic field along a given direction, wherein said bent magnetic circuit is interrupted by a plurality of gaps perpendicular to said direction.--

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 20-29 are presently active in this case. The present Amendment amends Claims 20, 24, 28 and 29; and cancels Claims 30-37. The above amendment shows the amended claims in clean form, the attachment shows a marked up copy for the Examiner's convenience.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Restriction Requirement was made final. The drawings were objected to because of an informality. Claims 20-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 20-29, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Japan 3-238804 in view of EPO 0308334.

In response to the Restriction Requirement being made final, Claims 30-37, directed to the non-elected invention, are canceled. Applicants reserve the right to present claims directed to the non-elected inventions in a divisional application, which shall be subject to the prohibition of the third sentence of 35 U.S.C. § 121 against the use of "[a] patent issuing on an application with respect to which a requirement for restriction under this section has been made ... as a reference ... against a divisional application."<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>35 USC 121. See also MPEP 804.01.